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Clarification Questions #1

Question 1: Please confirm whether imported construction materials, equipment and supplies required for execution of the works will be exempt from customs duties, VAT and related import charges, can a formal Customs and Duty Exemption Letter be issued to facilitate clearance of imported project materials?

Answer 1: Yes, upon entry into Barbados, the Barbados Defence Force can apply for the waiver of duties and import charges. The applications to customs and the Barbados Port Inc must be done early to ensure no unnecessary port fees are uncured. A customs clerk within the Barbados Defence Force will be able to assist once a contractor is approved.

Question 2: The tender document states that blueprints are available for consultation within the MAG office and that a comprehensive set will be issued to the successful contractor. Could bidders request partial access to key structural drawings before submission to allow more accurate costing and methodology planning.

Answer 2: No blueprint drawings have been prepared for the locations specified in the tender document, so partial access to key structural drawings is not available prior to submission. However, the site visits conducted on Thursday, 28th August 2025, were designed to provide tenderers with a comprehensive understanding of the facility layout and scope of works, enabling accurate costing and methodology planning.

Question 3: The special conditions indicate liability insurance of 10% of the value of the contract per occurrence, please confirm if this insurance must be obtained from a locally registered insurance provider in Barbados or if international insurers are acceptable?

Answer 3: A local provider will be preferred but an international provider can be allowed providing there is a local subsidiary.